ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2019

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, and notice posted in the

Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 6:13 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Garay, Committeeman Pfefferle, Committeeman Kiernan, CFO

Steinberg, DPW Foreman Heiser

ABSENT: None

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Township Committee reviewed the following proposed 2019 DPW budget prepared by DPW Foreman Heiser:

Park:

Excavate for future parking lot between the snack shack and walking trial to the East-Cost is unknown at this time. Park/Rec must determine.

Replace all garbage/recycling cans and lids at park-Township Administrator/Clerk Bobrowski noted that funds for these purchases can come out the Recycling Grant. Approx. 30 cans need to be purchased.

D.P.W. Grounds and Maintenance: \$35,000

New roof for fuel shed

Move gate and fence to secure entire area

Paint old shop, replace rotted wood and new gutters
Pave entrance and in front of new shop 5" thick 25,000

4" thick 20,000

Pepe Property Cleanup: \$36,000

Engineering fee and Lead Abatement \$18,000 (Quoted in the past)

Machine rental \$2500-\$3000 for the week

Dumpsters \$5000 Concrete disposal \$2000 Asphalt disposal \$2000 Grass seed and fertilizer \$500

Oil & Chip Program: \$88,000

Oak Rd., Alexandria Dr. and Manor Way 15,315 Sq.Yd \$32,161

Farmhouse and Melita 16,584 Sq.Yds \$34,826

Mt. Salem Rd. 6,028 Sq.Yds. \$12,658

Gravel Roads: \$19,000

Dense Grade Aggregate (D.G.A.) 800 tons \$13,000

Screenings 400 tons \$6,000

Dust Control \$5,000

Asphalt Repairs: \$32,000

Bad spots around town and also overlaying other spots

Catch Basins: \$10,000

Approx. 20 Basins have to be repaired due to holes around them. Grates also have to be updated.

Tree Removal: \$10,000-contracted out

Line Stripping: \$7,500

Approx. half the town with a 4" latex line

Dirt along Mt. Salem Rd: \$1,000

Grass seed and hay

Signage:

Street Name Signs 0-25 M.P.H. \$24.51 E.G. or \$29.93 H.I.P. Street Name Signs 25-40 M.P.H. \$52.10 E.G. or \$63.40 H.I.P Street Name Signs 40 and Over \$69.12 H.I.P Road Signs 30x30 \$46.97 E.G. or 49.93 H.I.P.

*Need to determine price if County makes the signs

EXMARK Mower Bethlehem Twp. (used): \$6,500

Same mower as ours. Has approx. 2500 hrs. on it. Ours has almost 3,200 hrs. New one runs around \$22,000 +/-.

New single axle dump truck (2); \$170,000-\$185,000

Drainage on Schaff Rd. ? Need to determine costs-waiting on plans

Stonewick Development: \$265,000

Profile mill along the curb 3" of asphalt overlay

Very similar to the two recent developments we did

*Stonewicke Road, Hill Hollow and Colt Road are in this development. No drainage is needed

DPW Foreman Heiser noted that Kingwood Township does their own oil/chip program and would like to see their finished product to explore the possibility of working with Kingwood Township.

The Township Committee would like DPW Foreman Heiser to provide a list of roads that he feels need to be prioritized.

Better signage is needed at Dump Day stating entrances and exits.

Costs need to be determined for Storm Water Management detention basin clean up and Little York drainage clean-up.

Other budgets received for the Township Committee to consider are:

1.) The Environmental Commission

ANJEC Dues \$ 350.00 Watershed Program \$ 300.00 Community Day \$1029.00 Promotional Items \$ 450.00

- 2.) 55+ over has requested a budget of \$3,000.00 for the year. The Township will increase the 2018 budget from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for 2019.
- 3.) The Joint Court of the Delaware Valley has a budget of \$37, 950.00. Holland Township, Alexandria Township, and Frenchtown Boro will share a cost of 1/3 each.
- 4.) The Township Municipal Office Budget needs are as follows/requested:

Office Renovation for security purposes-waiting on quotes

Lighting for the basement-waiting on quotes

Phone Upgrade approximately \$150.00 a month for a 60-month contract period

Computer/Windows Upgrades \$5,000.00

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

 Review of materials submitted by EMEX to run an Energy Auction Using the NJ DCA Electronic Pilot Program:

The Township does not wish to move forward on this matter

- 2018 Land Use Annual Report:
 - The Land Use Board has made the following recommendations for the Township Committee to consider for 2019-The Township's decisions are noted in bold italic lettering:
- 1.) Special Events-Committee for Special Events would like to recommend that a special notification process be put into place. Any business running a special event in the Township would need to complete a "Notification of Special Event" form to be submitted to the Township Clerk one month prior to the event and filed with the Zoning Officer:

The Township Committee is working with the County on a grant to promote Agri-Tourism but the grant is on hold at this time because the County wants to set up a Committee to assist in the process.

2.) AR Zone Setbacks-clarification and revisions for the required yard setbacks for residential development in the AR Zone to eliminate confusion surrounding required setbacks and potentially amending the setbacks for certain lots:

The Township Committee needs to follow up with the Township Engineer to see where he is at with a revised draft ordinance.

3.) E-Code-there is conflicting and incorrect information in e-code that needs to be addressed regarding acreage and setbacks in the AR Zone:

Once a revised Ordinance is in place this can't be updated.

4.) Property Maintenance-review property maintenance ordinance and update in order to give the Township recourse for residents who are accumulating cars and other items in their yards, detracting from the community:

Will consult with the Zoning Officer for options to consider

5.) Retail Ordinance-regarding use of retail space and limitations of use for retail:

Will defer to the Township Attorney

6.) Sign Ordinance-review and revise sign ordinance with regards to zoning:

Will defer to the Township Attorney

 Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Property in Foreclosure:

The Township Committee reviewed an Ordinance from another Township where fees are charged on an annual basis to banks for homes that are abandoned and/or going into foreclosure. The Township Committee will move forward with this Ordinance.

• ABC Liquor License Fees:

The Township will not move forward to increase fees

Fire/EMS Volunteer Exemptions:

The Township Committee is in favor of waiving fees for Fire/EMS volunteers. A resolution passed in another Township will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for consideration and to have a draft resolution prepared.

• Strike Out for Hunger Softball Tournament:

Mayor Garay would like to purchase a banner to promote "Strike Out For Hunger" and have it hung up in the park. The cost of the banner is \$93.82. The banner is a 2.5" x 6" horizontal vinyl banner with grommets.

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve the purchase of the banner.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Mayor Garay voiced her concerns over a volunteer assisting on dump day to the Committee. Comm. Kiernan asked the volunteer to assist residents who come to dump day and that the volunteer signed a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Township.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, CMC/RMC
Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of February 25, 2019 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township Committee on the 13th day of March 2019.

Michelle Garay, Mayor	